

## Section 2 Notetaking Study Guide

**Question to Think About** As you read Section 2 in your textbook and take notes, keep this section focus question in mind: **How did Spain establish an empire in the Americas?**

► Use this chart to record key information from the section.

Spain's Empire in the Americas	
<b>Spanish Conquistadors:</b> Soldier-adventurers called conquistadors set out to <u>explore</u> and _____ the Americas. They hoped for <u>riches</u> and _____ for themselves and _____.	
<b>Hernán Cortés</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1519: Sailed from Cuba to Mexico with more than 500 soldiers</li> <li>November 8: Marched into the Aztec capital of <u>Tenochtitlán</u></li> <li>Native Americans joined him because _____.</li> <li>The Aztec leader, _____, offered Cortés gold to leave.</li> <li>Instead, Cortés _____.</li> <li>1520: _____</li> <li>A year later, Cortés _____.</li> </ol>	<b>Francisco Pizarro</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copied methods of _____ Cortés</li> <li>1531: Landed on the coast of Peru to search for the _____</li> <li>September 1532: Led about _____ soldiers into the heart of empire</li> <li>Took the Inca ruler, _____, prisoner</li> <li>The Inca people paid _____.</li> <li>Pizarro instead _____.</li> <li>By November 1533: _____</li> </ol>
<b>Why Conquistadors Defeated Native Americans:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Indians' weapons <u>were no match for the Spaniards' armor, muskets, and cannons</u>.</li> <li>_____, which the Native Americans had never before seen.</li> <li>The Native Americans _____.</li> </ol>	
The Spanish Social System	
Peninsulares: <u>Spanish colonists born in Spain</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Top of the social structure</u></li> <li><u>Most were government officials</u></li> </ul>
Creoles: _____	Many were _____
Mestizos: _____	Could achieve economic success as _____, _____, and _____, but could not enter _____ of society.
Mulattos: _____	They were held at <u>bottom</u> of society.

Refer to this page to answer the Chapter 2 Focus Question on page 29.